

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGTuesday, September 26, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President
Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles
Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.
Robert Wigginton, County Attorney
Judith D. Bowles, Recording Secretary
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by
Commissioner President, George R. Aud.

Resolutions Signed

The County Commissioners unanimously approved the following Resolutions: Res. 72-28 Procedures Governing the Submission and Approval of Land Subdivision Plan in St. Mary's County and Res. No. 72-22 Privately Constructed Community Sewer and Water Systems.

Bell#50 - School Bus Problem

Mr. Paul Raley stated that a bus route was being duplicated on Whirlwind Road and that he ran the route with Mrs. Trossbach and felt that if the bus was re-routed it could cut the mileage by seven miles a day at a savings to the County of over \$400.00 each year.

The Commissioners accepted Mr. Raley's recommendation.

The Commissioners instructed Mr. Raley to check each route.

Board of Education - \$200,000 Contingency Fund

Mr. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, presented the Commissioners with a proposed Resolution enabling him to move \$150,000 remaining in the Board of Education contingency fund otherwise it would go back into surplus in next year's budget.

Mr. Sterling went on to say that the Board of Education had already received \$50,000 of the original \$200,000 Board of Education contingency fund.

The Commissioners requested Bob Wigginton to draw up a resolution.

Bills Approved:

Petition for Council Fee to Clarke Raley (Maryland vs. Mottler)	\$ 600.00
Washingtgon Post (Housing Authority)	150.00
(Housing Authority)	110.68
Baltimore Afro-American	261.63
Charter Board to "The Roost"for dinners	98.52
Charter Board to Charter Board Secretary	125.00
Evening Star Newspaper (Housing Authority)	80.00
Historical Society (Tourist Ctr.-Sept.)	416.68

Phase III - Presidential Order

RE: Damage due to the storm "Agnes"

John Norris, County Engineer, stated that he had attended the meeting with reference to Phase III of the Presidential Order as to damages as a result of the storm and St. Mary's County was in need of a contact man for this program. He added that he had talked to Mr. Elenowitz with the Community Development Administration and he informed Mr. Norris that they had money to provide to St. Mary's County for a planner for two or three months. This man would be available to St. Mary's County immediately.

The Commissioners advised Mr. Norris to write a letter to Mr. Elenowitz, if the County was not responsible for his salary, requesting this planner.

Transportation - STEP Program

Present: Dr. King, Board of Education; Stanley Schrader, Board of Education; Cmdr. Merritt, Naval Air Station, Ted Newkirk, NAACP; Jonathan Nelson; Terry Shawn; and Clay J. Evans.

Dr. King reported that there was a transportation problem with the STEP Program (Student Technical Education Program). Each day forty of fifty young men and women are taken to the Naval Air Station from the local high schools and assigned to wrk with the people aboard the base in jobs for which they have an aptitude.

These young people come from Chopticon and Great Mills High School from a very low economic status and they are students who would be discouraged from finishing high school.

There is a transportation crisis. The State will no longer be able to pick up these students because the State has cut the transportation budget. The Board of Education cannot help with transportation because of budget restrictions. Dr. King said " We hate to lose this very fine program and we are here to advise you of the problem and hope that perhaps you could help us in some way."

Mr. Stanley Schrader stated that the cost for a year for transportation to their jobs is \$3805.00 and they get home on their own.

The first group leaves Chopticon at 11:30 A. M. and are on the job at 1:00 P. M. They are paid the minimum wage of \$1.65 an hour for a sixteen hour week; however, should a regular employee go on vacation - a student could work a 40 hour week.

Commissioner Bowles asked if this program continued during the summer months. Commander Merrit stated that this program would run during the school year.

Mr. Nelson stated that the STEP Program was created to better the community and he felt, as well as many others, the program was very worthwhile.

Dr. King stated that due to the transportation problem some of the students have dropped out of the program.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, to come into the meeting and see what arrangements could be made to advance with the \$3805.00 to the Board of Education. The Commissioners felt that the program should be saved and asked Mr. Sterling and the County Attorney to see if the program could be funded in the amount of \$3805.00. Mr. Wigginton stated the plan is a non-state aided program and would be eligible to receive County funds. The County Commissioners unanimously agreed that these monies should be given to the Board of Education for transportation for the STEP Program. Mr. Sterling stated the funds are available.

Snow Hill Road/Father Andrew White Memorial Road

Present: Mr. George Leopard

Mrs. Leopard stated that some years ago Snow Hill Manor Road was changed to Father Andrew White Memorial Road at the request of Mrs. Victor Cherbonnier who at that time was a member

of the Historical Society. Mrs. Cherbonnier changed the name of the road without the consent of property owners along the road. Mrs. Leopard presented the Commissioners with a copy of a petition from the property owners requesting the road be changed back to Snow Hill Manor Road. She added that she did not intend to be disrespectful of Fr. Andrew White, but she felt that there was a fine Memorial erected in his honor at the beginning of the road.

Mrs. Leopard went on to say that there was an awful lot of confusion due to the fact that the road was somewhat horseshoe in shape and the northern end of the road was called Snow Hill Road while the southern end of the road was called Father Andrew White Memorial Road. The residents on the road have had trouble with deliveries. There are two homes being constructed and they aren't getting supplies because of the confusion. She felt that the road should be changed to Snow Hill Road North and Snow Hill Road South.

The Commissioners advised Mrs. Leopard in order for a road to be changed a request would have to come through this office. Commissioner Bowles requested Mr. Raley to check into the matter and advised Mrs. Leopard that our office would be in touch with her.

Mr. David Burke - Small Road off of Indian Bridge Road

Mr. Burke stated that there was a small road off of Indian Bridge that was approximately a half mile long that the residents would like the County to take into the system. He stated that there were five families that live on the road.

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Commissioner/asked Mr. Burke if the road had been bought up to County specifications; i.e., blacktopped. Mr. Burke stated that Mr. Jimmie Russell (deceased) had put the road in and that it was a gravel road. He added that the present owner Mr. Wise, stated that he would be agreeable to assign the road to the County if he knew how much property the County would need for a right of way. Commissioner Aud suggested that Mr. Burke get a copy of the specifications for a County Road from Mr. Norris and stated that the Commissioners would be back in touch with him.

Mr. Burke presented the Commissioners with a petition signed by those families who presently live on the road.

Fuel Oil Bid Opening

The following fuel oil bids were received for supplying fuel oil to County buildings for the 1972-73 year:

St. Mary's Ice and Fuel	.1375 per gal (fluctuate)
Thrift Oil Co.	.1374 per gal (fluctuate)
Burch Oil Co.	.1410 per gal. (fluctuate)
So. Maryland Oil Co.	.1480 per gal (fluctuate)
Waring Oil Co.	.1398 per gal (fluctuate)
Besche Oil Co.	.1391 per gal (fluctuate)

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to award the bid to Thrift Oil Co. at .1374 per gal.

St. Mary's County Developmental Center for the Mentally Retarded

Present: Dr. William Marek, County Health Officer
 Mrs. Barbara Davidson, President
 Mrs. Jean Brylawski, Secretary
 Mrs. Nancy Virts, Treasurer

RE: AUDIT REPORT

Mrs. Davidson opened by saying that for several years the Developmental Center for the Mentally Retarded had not been audited by the Health Department auditors. A copy of the accountant's summary was presented to the Commissioners. Until three years ago the Developmental Center received money per pupil per day's attendance. Until the end of last year they were doing great, the State was paying 100% of the transportation cost; however, this year they are running into a problem.

They have just found out that they owe the State \$1448.00 as a result of this audit. The state seems to feel that they should be paying these drivers exactly what the state is paying school bus drivers. You cannot transport mentally retarded and handicapped children for the same cost to send normal children to school. Had the cost for transportation been under matching funds, the budget shows this would have given them \$4500.00. They have supplemented from their budget to handle some of the cost.

It seems that everytime they run into a new problem, the State comes up with a new regulation. It seems the State thinks that what takes our drivers seven hours a day to do should

only take him three hours.

Dr. Marek stated that the State feels that the cost should be \$2.80 per day per child and the bus for the Developmental Center is on the road seven hours a day at an approximate cost of \$4.00 per day per child.

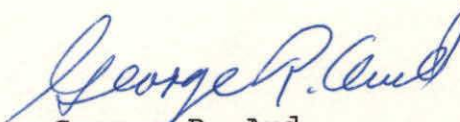
The problem is that this is a new department with the State in relation to Mental Retardation, which is a separate entity, and is more or less a fledgling organization experiencing growing pains. They are trying to get more funds and are going to prove that this area needs more funds.

The County Commissioners requested that Dr. Marek and Harris Sterling should get together with the State and resolve these problems.

Executive Secretary to the Youth Commission

The County Commissioners unanimously approved the salary of the new Executive Secretary to the Youth Commissioner at \$10,000.00 per year as recommended and outlined in the letter from Msgr. Veith, Chairman of the Youth Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.


George R. Aud,
President